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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - ILLICIT PAYMENTS

1. FRG REP (KOCH) APPROACHED US DEL AND STATED
WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT 1980 AS THE DATE OF A CONFERENCE
TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS, PROVIDED
THIS REFLECTED THE GENERAL CONSENSUS. CHANGE FROM
PREVIOUS STRONG GERMAN RESISTANCE TO US PROPOSAL IS
PROBABLY THE RESULT OF APPARENT EC AGREEMENT ON 1980
AND FRG DESIRE TO AVOID BEING ISOLATED. HE INDICATED
THAT IN FRG VIEW, FURTHER OECD CONSULTATIONS ON THE
TREATY TEXT WILL BE NECESSARY IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS
OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, AND SUGGESTED FIRST
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OF THESE TAKE PLACE THIS FALL.

2. FRENCH REP STATED THAT IN LIGHT OF THE COMMUNITY
PREFERENCE FOR 1980, FRANCE DID NOT WISH TO CO-SPONSOR
THE US RESOLUTION AS ONLY EC DELEGATION AGREEING TO A
CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR. US RESOLUTION WAS DISCUSSED
WITH PORTUGUESE DEL WHO WAS HELPFUL, AND SAID HE WOULD

SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON POSSIBLE CO-SPONSORSHIP. JAPAN, CANADA, AND IRAN ARE ALSO SEEKING FINAL INSTRUCTIONS ON CO-SPONSORSHIP.

3. FURTHER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AFRICANS INDICATE THAT 1980 IS THE PREFERRED DATE AND THAT THEY WILL SEEK TO CARRY OVER THE QUORUM REQUIREMENT WHICH PLAGUED THE WORKING GROUP INTO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. NIGERIAN AND UGANDAN DELS HAVE AGREED TO JOIN WITH OTHER G-77 REPS TOMORROW (IRAN, VENEZUELA, JAMAICA, MEXICO, ARGENTINA) TO DISCUSS LANGUAGE WITH US REPS STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CODE NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN THE G-77, PROBLEMS MAY ARISE FROM THE MORE RADICAL STATES (TUNISIA, IRAQ) WHEN ITEM COMES UP IN COMMITTEE.

4. FOR KINGSTON: MILLS RESTATED JAMAICAN CONCERN WITH CODE LINKAGE IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH US REP. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT OTHER JAMAICAN REPS HAVE SUGGESTED WITHIN THE G-77 THAT THE ILLICIT PAYMENT TREATY AND CODE BE CONCLUDED AT THE SAME DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. AMB YOUNG MAY NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS WITH MILLS. IN VIEW OF KEY JAMAICAN ROLE IN G-77, HOWEVER, REQUEST THAT YOU FOLLOW UP WHERE POSSIBLE ASKING SUPPORT FOR A SEPARATE CONFERENCE ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS NOT LINKED TO ADOPTION OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CODE, UNLESS DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS.

5. FOR CARACAS: ATTITUDE OF THE VENEZUELANS IS ALSO OF GREAT CONCERN, SINCE THEY ARE THE ONLY G-77 DELEGATION WHICH, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, INSISTS ON 1981 FOR CONFERENCE DATE. SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT VIEWS, FURTHER EFFORTS MIGHT PROVE HELPFUL.

6. FOR LISBON: ALTHOUGH PORTUGAL HAS NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE ECOSOC WORKING GROUP, DEL'S RECEPTIVITY TO US PROPOSAL AND POSSIBLE CO-SPONSORSHIP MIGHT PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN ADDITIONAL SUPPORT THROUGH APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS.

7. FOR USUN NY: (REF USUN 2841) IN VIEW OF EMERGING CONSENSUS ON 1980 AS BEST DATE FOR A CONFERENCE, REQUEST THAT YOU EXPLORE AGAIN THE SCHEDULING POSSIBILITIES SOONEST. YOUR ASSUMPTIONS ON USUAL REQUIREMENTS CORRECT.

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